(a) whether it is a fact that the D.A. granted to the subordinate staff under Tripartite settlement in banking sector before 1987 was more than the D.A. given to Clerks; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the D.A. granted now to the subordinate staff under the Fifth Tripartite settlement is equal to the D.A. granted to the clerks; if so, what are the reasons for giving equal D.A. to both the categories ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) The Indian Banks Association (IBA) has reported that the rates of DA as applicable to award staff in banks prior to 1-11-87 were higher for sub-staff as compared to the clerical staff under the Vth Bipartite Settlement, effective from 1-11-1987, the concept of same DA for same pay was accepted as per the demands of the unions and accordingly the rates of DA have been fixed on a sliding scale for higher slabs of pay.

Modernisation of Godavari Delta Scheme and Krishna Delta Scheme

3464. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government had requested/approached the Central Government for the modernisation of Godavari Delta Scheme and Krishna Delta Scheme;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) since when the projects are pending with the Central Government;

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in their clearance; and

(e) by when the projects are likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (e) Schemes for Modernisation of Godavari Delta System and Krishna Delta System estimated to cost Rs. 350 crores and Rs. 425 crores received in Central Water Commission in October, 1985 and January, 1986 were returned to the State Government after examination in November, 1988 and December, 1988 respectively for submission of modified reports after compliance of the observations of the Central Appraising Agencies. The modified reports are not received at the Centre.

Bonus to subordinate staff of Banks

3465. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the staff belonging to the subordinate category as well as clerks in banking staff after reaching a total slary of Rs. 2500/- are not eligible for any bonus;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the reasons for which the subordinate staff are not entitled to travel by first class after reaching or beyond Rs. 2500/- salary per month whereas a clerk is entitled to travel by first class right from the beginning of his service career; and

(c) whether this lacuna will be rectified ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) Yes, Sir. It is as per the Payment of Bonus Act.

(b) The Class and mode of travel to which a particular cadre of employees are entitled to are as per the provisions of the Bipartite Settlements negotiated and signed between the IBA and the employees' unions under the Industrial Disputes Act.

(c) The IDA has advised that there is no lacuna in providing different classes of travel for different categories of employees and, therefore, no rectification is required.

3466. [*Transferred to 7th September, 1990*]

'Invest India-Delhi' show in the capital

3467. Shri S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Invest India-Delhi' show is going to be organised in the capital during September, 1990;

(b) whether it is being sponsored by the Central Government; and

(c) if so, what are the objectives of such shows ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) National Housing Bank & Life Insurance Corporation of India are jointly sponsoring an exhibition entitled "Invest India-Delhi" from 30th September to 3rd October, 1990 at New Delhi. This is an exhibition of financial schemes and services of banks and financial institutions. It will provide an opportunity to exhibitors to present their products and services to current and potential investors under one roof and help them obtain intelligent investment and finance options and advice to maximise the returns from investments.

Production of natural and artificial flavours

3468. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated natural and artificial flavour production in the country;

(b) how many companies are engaged in this industry;

(c) whether there is any ban on using certain chemicals for making artificial flavours;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have conducted any study regarding side effects of artificial flavours on human health; and

(f) if so, what are the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) The flavours are almost entirely produced in the small scale sector and food flavour industry is not a monitored industry. However, according to available information there are six units engaged in the manufacture, of flavours in the organised sector.

(c) to (d) According to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 certain flavouring agents are prohibited in any article of good.

(e) and (f) Information is being collected and, to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of Marine Products

3469. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to boost export of marine products; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various steps taken by the Government to boost exports of marine products include :

(i) Stepping up production of by the development of capture fisheries;

(ii) Stepping up production of culture fisheries;

(iii) Induction of new technology and value addition;

(iv) Modernisation of processing facilities, quality upgradation and reduction in waste; and

(v) Aggressive market promotion measures.

Offer by NRIs to Invest in Real Estate

3470. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that at a recent meeting of the FICCI, the NRIs offered to invest in real estate, housing developments, plantations and other agricultural activities and also for wasteland development if adequate policy measures are framed to encourage them; and

(b) if so, what is Government reaction thereto ?